

Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition
Sunday 25th October
Reformation Sunday

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the end of Moses' story.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

A prayer to say together

Dear God,
Thank you for the example of Moses who can teach us so much about being your friend. Help us to speak to you just like Moses did as a friend.

May we bring our hopes to you as well as our fears. May we listen to your voice and live as an example to others. May we be carriers of your glory just as Moses was.

We pray for the leaders of our schools, workplaces, churches and country as they make difficult decisions. Would you give them a loving relationship and friendship with you.

Amen.

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What words would you use to describe Moses' relationship with God?

Moses' relationship with God was very special. God used Moses to perform amazing miracles and Exodus 33 v 11 says "The LORD spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks with his friend." Throughout Moses' story we have seen him be open and honest with God sharing his fears and frustrations. Now at the end of his life we see something really amazing, we are told that God himself buried Moses!

A question for children to ask adults

Moses didn't just leave the Israelites with nobody to lead them, Joshua became their next leader. He had travelled with Moses and learned from him so that he could be ready to lead God's people into the Promised Land.

Who has been a mentor in your life?

Family Activity 1

Run your own family relay race – you could use an old kitchen roll tube or empty bottle as the baton.

You could talk about what we have that we would like to pass on and share with others, just as Moses left a legacy and passed on the responsibility of leadership to Joshua.

You could decorate your baton together as a family before you begin your race!



A verse to remember

Matthew 22 v 37

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’



This verse from Matthew was Jesus’ answer to the question “Which command in the law is the most important?” – Jesus spoke these words and then went on to say you should “Love your neighbour as you love yourself.” We can still learn from and live by these instructions just as Moses and Jesus did.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Active Prayer

Inspired by Moses passing on responsibility to Joshua why not try this prayer passing activity.

Have a ball to pass or if you made a baton for your relay race you could use that.

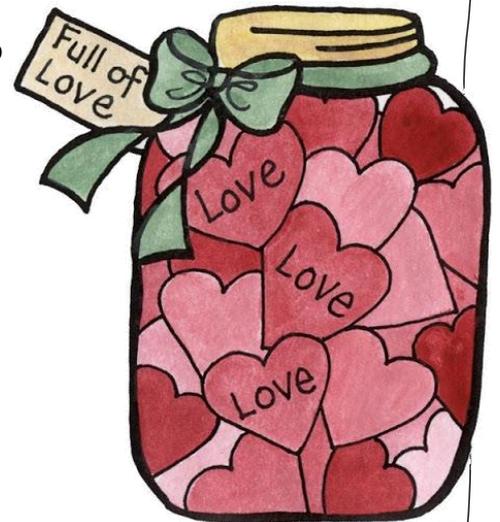
Take it in turns to pray and then pass the ball to somebody else to continue the prayer. You could take a line each or even a word each until somebody finishes the prayer with a big Amen!



Family Activity 2

In the passage we learn that the Israelites cried for Moses for thirty days, that’s a whole month! It is alright to cry over things which upset us. During this year many people have suffered loss, some people have had to say goodbye to family members and friends who have died. Some people have missed out on events or holidays they had been excited for – graduations, birthdays, weddings and more.

Why not take some time to share some of the things that you have lost this year. You could create a “future plans” jar or box and fill it with a list of all the things you would like to do in the future when restrictions have lifted. Take it in turns to write or draw something to go in the jar or box.



Talking about death

If your children have questions about death there are many resources out there to help you. We recommend visiting the Parenting for Faith website which has a number of articles, resources and podcasts for parents.

If you have experienced a loss in your own family there is a resource to help children to say goodbye on our Together at Home website: www.tath.co.uk/saying-goodbye

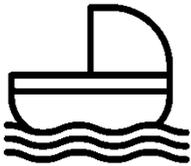
A colouring page you could print and colour together

Colouring sheet from <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com>



PUZZLE SHEET

Can you work out these words which are all part of Moses' story?
There are picture clues to help you unscramble the words.



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